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SUBJECT: INDIAN FINANCE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH DEPUTY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOEKER

1. FINANCE SECRETARY MANMOHAN SINGH, ACCOMPANIED BY INDIAN  
EMBASSY MINISTERS DIXIT AND BAIJAL, CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSIST-  
ANT SECRETARY BOEKER (EB) APRIL 27. URGENT MEETING PREVENT-  
ED ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ FROM PARTICIPATING AS PLANNED.  
GRAHAME (NEA/INS) SAT IN. INDIANS RAISED IDA V AND ECON/  
COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION DURING COURSE 30 MINUTE DISCUSSION.

2. IDA - SINGH SAID GOI WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBIL-  
ITY OF REDUCTION IN INDIA'S SHARE OF IDA LENDING AND HOPED  
USG WAS NOT SEEKING SUCH A REDUCTION, NOTING THAT THERE  
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WAS NO OBJECTIVE REASON FOR REDUCTION AND THAT ANY REDUCTION  
IN INDIA'S 40 PERCENT SHARE OF IDA LENDING WOULD HAVE AD-  
VERSE EFFECTS ON INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS. BOEKER SAID  
THAT WE WERE NOT CAMPAIGNING FOR REDUCTION OF INDIA'S SHARE  
AND THAT DURING THE IDA V PERIOD INDIA WOULD RECEIVE VERY  
SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN IDA LENDING FLOWS. HOWEVER, HE  
SAID THAT 40 PERCENT WAS CEILING RATHER THAN ALLOCATION AND

THAT WHILE THERE WAS NO REASON TO ALTER CEILING, ALLOCATION  
WOULD BE DETERMINED BY OBJECTIVE LENDING CRITERIA. BOEKER

SAID OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE BANK'S FORMULATION OF THOSE  
CRITERIA WAS RELAXED, CONSTRUCTIVE AND NON-POLITICAL.  
WHILE WE HAD NO STRONG PRESUMPTIONS CONCERNING OUTCOME OF  
BANK STUDY, WE ASSUME THAT UNDER ANY REASONABLE SET OF  
CRITERIA INDIA'S SHARE SHOULD NOT FALL MUCH BELOW 40 PER-  
CENT CEILING. HE NOTED THAT IMPROVED CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES  
FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA HAVE BEEN HELPFUL ON  
THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE MANY IN THE CONGRESS WHO  
WOULD STILL LIKE TO SEE, ONCE IDA CREDITS ARE FULLY COMMIT-  
TED SOME 3 YEARS FROM NOW, AN INDICATION OF SOMEWHAT  
BROADER DISTRIBUTION OF IDA CREDITS AMONG LOW-INCOME  
COUNTRIES.

3. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION - SINGH SAID GOI  
WANTED TO MAKE SUBCOMMISSION MORE PRODUCTIVE AND CITED.  
BILATERAL TRADE PROBLEMS - GSP ELIGIBILITY, U.S. QUANTITA-  
TIVE RESTRICTIONS - AND INDO-U.S. COMMERCIAL COOPERATION IN  
THIRD COUNTRIES AS TWO AREAS FOR SUBCOMMISSION CONCENTRA-  
TION. SINGH SAID SUBCOMMISSION SHOULD TAKE MORE OPERATION-  
AL ROLE IN PROMOTING THIRD COUNTRY COOPERATION. DIXIT,  
CONCEDING THAT CONCRETE PROGRESS IN THIS AREA DEPENDED ON  
PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES, SAID SUBCOMMISSION NEEDED TO  
ESTABLISH MECHANISM FOR DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO  
U.S. BUSINESS. BOEKER SAID WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO WORK  
WITH INDIANS ON FORMULATION OF SUBCOMMISSION PROGRAM AND  
SUGGESTED THAT INDIAN EXPERIENCE WITH GSP AND THE ROLE IN  
INDIA OF OPIC INSURANCE AND FINANCING WOULD BE USEFUL AREAS  
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FOR DISCUSSION. NOTING THAT CURRENT POSITIVE U.S. PUBLIC  
AND PRESS REACTIONS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA SHOULD PRO-  
VIDE HELPFUL ATMOSPHERE FOR SUBCOMMISSION WORK, BOEKER  
ASKED IF GOI HAD DECIDED ON TIMING OF NEXT SUBCOMMISSION  
MEETING. SINGH MADE NO RESPONSE.  
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